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House Bills

HB 2398-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Sommers, Moeller, and Kenney)

Rebasing direct care, therapy care, support services, and operations component rate allocations under the nursing facility medicaid payment system based upon calendar year 2005 cost report data, excluding costs related to the quality maintenance fee repealed by chapter 241, Laws of 2006.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Rebases direct care, therapy care, support services, and operations component rate allocations under the nursing facility medicaid payment system based upon calendar year 2005 cost report data, excluding costs related to the quality maintenance fee repealed by chapter 241, Laws of 2006.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 16 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Apr 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2404 by Representatives VanDeWege and Simpson Prohibiting port districts from exercising powers of eminent domain.

Provides that a port district is prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain for the acquisition of property or for any other purpose authorized under the laws of this state. This act shall apply to all port district activities initiated on or after January 1, 2007.

Repeals provisions of chapter 53.25 RCW.

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Apr 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2405 by Representatives VanDeWege and Simpson Modifying property tax limitations for port districts.

Revises property tax limitations for port districts.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2406 by Representatives Simpson and VanDeWege Applying certain prevailing wage rate requirements to port districts and related associations.

Applies certain prevailing wage rate requirements to port districts and related associations.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2407 by Representatives VanDeWege and Simpson Concerning the levy capacity of port districts.

Amends RCW 84.55.092 relating to the levy capacity of port districts.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4024 by Representatives VanDeWege, Hailey, B. Sullivan, Morris, Hudgins, Chase, Linville, Takko, McCoy, Haler, McCune, Schindler, Crouse, and Buri

Supporting the vision of "25 by '25" in which agriculture and forestry provide twenty-five percent of domestic energy consumption by 2025.

Supports the vision of "25 by '25" whereby agriculture and forestry will provide twenty-five percent of the total energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025, while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

Senate Bills

SB 6156-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

Relating to state government.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates community preservation and development authorities to restore or enhance the health, safety, and economic well-being of communities adversely impacted by the construction of, or ongoing operation of, multiple major public facilities, public works, and capital projects with significant public funding.

Declares that community preservation and development authorities have the following purposes: (1) To revitalize, enhance, and preserve the unique character of impacted communities;

(2) To mitigate the adverse effects of multiple major public facilities projects, public works projects, or capital projects with significant public funding, or a secure community transition facility as defined in RCW 71.09.020(14);

(3) To restore a local area's sense of community;

(4) To reduce the displacement of community members and businesses;

(5) To stimulate the community's economic vitality;

(6) To enhance public service provisions;

(7) To improve the standard of living of community members; and

(8) To preserve historic buildings or areas by returning them to economically productive uses that are compatible with or enhance their historic character.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

Apr 19 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Rules suspended.

Placed on second reading.

SB 6157-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

Changing provisions affecting offenders who are leaving confinement.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the people of the state of Washington expect to live in safe communities in which the threat of crime is minimized. Attempting to keep communities safe by building more prisons and paying the costs of incarceration has proven to be expensive to taxpayers. Incarceration is a necessary consequence for some offenders, however, the vast majority of those offenders will eventually return to their communities. Many of these former offenders will not have had the opportunity to address the deficiencies that may have contributed to their criminal behavior. Persons who do not have basic literacy and job skills, or who are ill-equipped to make the behavioral changes necessary to successfully function in the community, have a high risk of reoffense. Recidivism represents serious costs to victims, both financial and nonmonetary in nature, and also burdens

state and local governments with those offenders who recycle through the criminal justice system.

Declares a belief that recidivism can be reduced and a substantial cost savings can be realized by utilizing evidence-based, research-based, and promising programs to address offender deficits, developing and better coordinating the reentry efforts of state and local governments and local communities. Research shows that if quality assurances are adhered to, implementing an optimal portfolio of evidence-based programming options for offenders who are willing to take advantage of such programs can have a notable impact on recidivism.

Recognizes that recidivism cannot be eliminated and that a significant number of offenders are unwilling or unable to work to develop the tools necessary to successfully reintegrate into society, the interests of the public overall are better served by better preparing offenders while incarcerated, and continuing those efforts for those recently released from prison or jail, for successful, productive, and healthy transitions to their communities. Educational, employment, and treatment opportunities should be designed to address individual deficits and ideally give offenders the ability to function in society. In order to foster reintegration, this act recognizes the importance of a strong partnership between the department of corrections, local governments, law enforcement, social service providers, and interested members of communities across our state.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 Executive session in committee.

Apr 19 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Rules suspended.

Placed on second reading.

SB 6158-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

Concerning the biennial rebasing of nursing facility medicaid payment rates.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relating to biennial rebasing of nursing facility medicaid payment rates.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

Apr 19 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Rules suspended.

Placed on second reading.